



# SUDAN MORNING NEWS

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## **UN Human Rights Council report backlash**

- The United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights Louise Arbour warned the government of Sudan that it would be legally bound to detain two individuals named in connection with war crimes in Darfur if arrest warrants were issued by the International Criminal Court (ICC). Speaking after an International Women's Day conference in The Hague, Arbour stated that if the Sudanese adopt a policy of non-compliance with the ICC, it would be interpreted by the international community as non-compliance with the UN Security Council. The Security Council will convene today to discuss Sudan's response to the proposed deployment of international forces to Darfur. (*Sudan Tribune, Al-Sudani*)

- China and Russia have joined with Arab and Muslim states in urging the UN Human Rights Council to ignore a report from a mission to Darfur that blamed Sudan for perpetrating war crimes against civilians. The two permanent UN Security Council members argued that the Human Rights Council mission failed to gain access to Darfur and had not fulfilled its mandate. China said the report has "no legal basis." (*Khartoum Monitor*)

## **ICC sacks Libyan defense counsel in Darfur case**

- ICC judges issued a strongly worded decision ordering the world court's registry to relieve Libyan-born Hadi Shalluf from his responsibilities as the counsel for defense in the Darfur case. (*Sudan Vision*)

## **Darfur**

- Sources in South Darfur reported that 15 persons were killed and 13 injured following clashes between the Tarjam and Al-Abala tribes yesterday. (*Rai Al-Shaab*)

- Nyala police have arrested 17 non-Sudanese working with NGOs in Nyala. The suspects were arrested in a house rented by ARC, an American NGO operating in the state. Police authorities obtained a search warrant for the house following complaints from neighbors claiming that "inappropriate conduct" taking place in the house that created a "disturbance" in the neighborhood. The police also seized a considerable amount of alcohol during the search. The arrested NGO staff belongs to western and African countries. (*Sudanese Media Center, Al-Hayat, Rai Al-Shaab*)

## **US-Sudan Relations**

- The Sudanese Ambassador to Egypt, Abdel Moniem Mabrouk, accused the U.S. of "igniting sedition and internal conflicts which jeopardize peace accords between the National Congress Party and the Sudan People's Liberation Movement (SPLM). Mabrouk further accused the U.S. administration of obstructing peace in Darfur. (*Al-Intibaha*)

## **Kiir lifts GOSS Finance Minister's immunity**

- First Vice President Salva Kiir ordered the lifting of immunity from Government of South Sudan's (GOSS) Minister of Finance so that an investigation into \$60 million in missing funds can proceed. In a speech in Juba last year, President Al-Bashir alluded to the fact that the late SPLM leader John Garang had received \$60 million before joining the Government of National Unity. That speech triggered questions within SPLM ranks about the status of the funds. (*Al-Rai Al-Aam*)

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